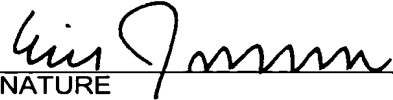


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| TRANSMITTAL LETTER TO THE UNITED STATES DESIGNATED/ELECTED OFFICE (DO/EO/US) CONCERNING A FILING UNDER 35 U.S.C. 371 | | Attorney Docket No. 0584-1022 U.S. Application No. 10/518631 |
| INTERNATIONAL APPLN. NO. PCT/FR2003/001838 | INTERNATIONAL FILING DATE June 17, 2003 | PRIORITY DATE CLAIMED June 20, 2002 |
| TITLE OF INVENTION: BOOT HAVING A FLOATING ARTICULATION | | |
| APPLICANT(S) FOR DO/EO/US: Gerard VALAT and Cedric RAGOT | | |
| Applicant herewith submits to the United States Designated Elected Office (DO/EO/US) the following items and other information: | | |
| <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> This is a FIRST submission of items concerning a filing under 35 U.S.C. 371. 2. <input type="checkbox"/> This is a SECOND or SUBSEQUENT submission of items concerning a filing under 35 U.S.C. 371. 3. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> This is an express request to begin national examination procedures (35 U.S.C. 371(f)). The submission must include items (5), (6), (9) and (21) indicated below. 4. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> The US has been elected (Article 31). 5. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> A copy of the International Application as filed (35 U.S.C. 371 (c)(2)) <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> is attached hereto (required only if not communicated by the International Bureau). b. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> has been communicated by the International Bureau. See attached PCT/IB/308. c. <input type="checkbox"/> is not required, as the application was filed in the United States Receiving Office (RO/US). 6. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> An English language translation of the International Application as filed (35 U.S.C. 371 (c)(2)) <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> is attached hereto. b. <input type="checkbox"/> has been previously submitted under 35 U.S.C. 154(d)(4). 7. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Amendments to the claims of the International Application under PCT Article 19 (35 U.S.C. 371 (c)(3)) <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> are attached hereto (required only if not communicated by the International Bureau). b. <input type="checkbox"/> have been communicated by the International Bureau. c. <input type="checkbox"/> have not been made, however, the time limit for making such amendments has NOT expired. d. <input type="checkbox"/> have not been made and will not be made. 8. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> An English language translation of the amendments to the claims under PCT Article 19 (35 U.S.C. 371 (c)(3)). 9. <input type="checkbox"/> An oath or declaration of the inventor(s) (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(4)) 10. <input type="checkbox"/> A Declaration of Inventorship for purposes of U.S.A. designation pursuant to rule 4.17(iv).)) 11. <input type="checkbox"/> An English language translation of the annexes of the International Preliminary Examination Report under PCT Article 36 (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(5)). <p>Items 11 to 20 below concern document(s) or information included:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 12. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Information Disclosure Statement (IDS) w/PTO-1449 - <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Copy of IDS citations. 13. <input type="checkbox"/> Assignment Papers (cover sheet & document(s)). 14. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> A preliminary amendment. 15. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> An Application Data Sheet under 37 C.F.R. 1.76. 16. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Itemized Return Receipt Postcard 17. <input type="checkbox"/> A substitute specification. 18. <input type="checkbox"/> Power of Attorney and Statement under 37 CFR §3.73(b) <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. <input type="checkbox"/> Newly executed Power of Attorney b. <input type="checkbox"/> A change of Power of Attorney and/or change of address letter. 19. <input type="checkbox"/> A computer-readable form of the sequence listing in accordance with PCT Rule 13ter.2 and 37 CFR 1.821 - 1.825. 20. <input type="checkbox"/> A second copy of the published international application under 35 U.S.C. 154(d)(4). 21. <input type="checkbox"/> A second copy of the English language translation of the international application (35 U.S.C. 154(d)(4)). 22. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other items or information: <u>Please note that the Declaration of Inventorship for purposes of the U.S.A. designation pursuant to rule 4.17 (iv) was filed in the International Phase, see the published application. Abstract, International Search Report</u> | | |

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| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Applicant claims small entity status. See 37 CFR 1.27. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> The following fees are submitted: PCT FEES - NATIONAL STAGE | | | | | CALCULATIONS PTO USE ONLY |
| Large Entity | | Small Entity | | Fee Description | |
| Fee Code | Fee (\$) | Fee Code | Fee (\$) | | |
| 1631 | 300.00 | 2631 | 150.00 | Basic National Stage Fee | |
| 1632 | 500.00 | 2632 | 250.00 | National Stage Search Fee | |
| 1633 | 200.00 | 2633 | 100.00 | National Stage Examination Fee | |
| Surcharge of \$130.00 for furnishing the oath or declaration later than <input type="checkbox"/> 20- <input type="checkbox"/> 30 months from the earliest claimed priority date (Fee Code 1617/2617) | | | | \$130.00 | |
| SIZE FEE Plant size fee each additional 50 sheets in excess of 100 Fee Code 1681/2681 | | Additional Sheets 16 - 100 = <u>50</u> = <u> </u> X | | Fee From Below \$250.00 \$0.00 | |
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| Independent Claims Fee Codes 1614 / 2614 | | 1 - 3 = | | x \$200.00 | \$0.00 |
| Total Claims Fee Codes 1615 / 2615 | | 14 - 20 = | | x \$50.00 | \$0.00 |
| MULTIPLE DEPENDENT CLAIM(S) (if applicable) Fee Code 1616 / 2616 | | | | + \$360.00 | \$0.00 |
| Processing fee of \$130.00 for furnishing the English translation later than <input type="checkbox"/> 20 <input type="checkbox"/> 30 months from the earliest claimed priority date (37 CFR 1.492(f)). Fee Code 1618 | | | | | \$0.00 |
| Fee for recording the enclosed assignment (37 CFR 1.21(h)). (Fee code 8021) \$40.00 per property | | | | + | \$0.00 |
| TOTAL FEES ENCLOSED | | | | = | \$500.00 |
| | | | | Amount to be refunded: | \$ |
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| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> A check in the amount of \$500.00 to cover the above fees is attached. <input type="checkbox"/> The Director is hereby authorized to charge indicated fees and credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 25-0120 in the name of Young & Thompson. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> The Director is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future replies, to charge payment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 25-0120 for any additional fee required under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16 or 1.17. | | | | | |
| SEND ALL CORRESPONDENCE TO: YOUNG & THOMPSON 745 South 23 rd Street Arlington, VA 22202 Telephone: (703) 521-2297 Facsimile: (703) 685-0573 | | | | | |
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